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(54) Title: METHOD FOR DISSOLUTION OF NITROGEN-RICH INCLUSIONS IN TITANIUM AND TITANIUM ALLOYS

## (57) Abstract

It has been discovered that electroslag remelting of titanium metal or alloys under controlled partial pressures of nitrogen, and somewhat oxygen, can dissolve nitrogen-rich inclusions to help eliminate or reduce initiation sites for cracks. The process for the electroslag remelting of titanium and titanium alloys ensures that nitrogen-rich inclusions are dissolved or at least minimized during the melting process.